

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1035
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to commend Tracy Evans for her exemplary service as a legislative intern and extraordinary accomplishments.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process and their special accomplishments in and for our great State; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Evans is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the Senate Democratic Floor Leader, Senator Roy B. Herron, who chairs the Senate General Welfare, Health, and Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tracy recently attained a goal that she set for herself nearly twenty years ago when she graduated with honors from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she excelled academically at MTSU while pursuing a degree in Political Science and juggling the many responsibilities of parenthood and running her family's household; and

WHEREAS, a single mother for many years who married her best friend in 1997, Tracy made the Dean's List at MTSU almost every semester and maintained an extremely admirable 3.7 grade point average while helping run her husband's business, volunteering at her children's school and participating in their extracurricular activities, and otherwise playing the role of Super Mom; and

WHEREAS, having the learned value of a good education the hard way, Tracy is very active in her children's education and serves as a PTO member and volunteer at Lascassas Elementary School and also has been active in the Reading Is Fundamental program at Mid-

Cumberland Head Start and has served on the Children's Ministry Team at World Outreach Church; and

WHEREAS, of all her accomplishments and blessings, Tracy is most thankful for the love and companionship she shares with husband, Wallace Evans, and sons, Ryan, Darius, Demetrius, and Noah; and

WHEREAS, Tracy modestly attributes her positive outlook and many successes to her mother, the late Linda Pope, who was always proud of Tracy, and had great and constant faith in her daughter and her abilities; and

WHEREAS, citing her mother as the greatest inspiration in her life, Tracy especially empathized with Ms. Pope, because she also was a single mother who worked tirelessly to support her family; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of the legislative process and to further her education and pursue her burgeoning interest in public policy, Tracy Evans brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Tracy's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Tracy has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Tracy has somehow survived the excitement of the General Welfare Committee office, the West Tennessee Fish Fry, and even a trip with women friends as an ambassador to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Evans has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Tracy Evans for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Roy B. Herron and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.